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FRICK COMPANY BUYING COKE AGAIN; PRODUCTION GAINS; PRICES FIRM.

BIGGEST COMPANY IS IN MARKET

SO RUMOR IS ASSERTING.

IF TRUE, FURNACES' HOPE OF CUTTING PRICES BY GETTING ALONG ON SPOT COKE DIES.

Coke production is better coke prices promise better the car supply is better and water is in some instances entirely too plentiful. This sums up the Connellsville coke situation.

Prices have been suffered by a report which has gained currency that the H. C. Frick Coke Company have again entered the market and are buying some 20,000 tons per month.

This company put backbone into the market last fall by their purchases. They were taking a similar amount but at talk of \$2.90 coke they "died" and quietly withdrew January 1st throwing that much more production upon the open market. As their withdrawal depressed the market to their return buoyed it up. The report of their dealings is not confirmed but it comes from a reliable source. Most operators are consequently holding for \$2.75 coke and they are holding firmly.

Production increased 2,100 tons last week and shipments 662 cars. There was also slight increase in the number of ovens in blast. The railroads report having cleaned up all the coke during the week. Indications are that there is some stocking of coke on the yards but there is no evidence of the operators ceasing their endeavors for a full output.

The furnaces no longer stock coke at their plants as they used to do. Increase of the amount of land occupied by plants and tracks is partly responsible for this further more, if coke is stocked on the coke works, furnace men are not paying any railroad freight charges. The coke ovens which have been displaying recently on the coke buying proposition also enter into this phase of the business.

However the coke makers are not showing any particular uneasiness over the future. They are actively pushing production. The increase of wages made by the H. C. Frick Coke Company and the Independents indicates their faith in the future. Their activity in production and the new wage conditions would argue that they expect to find a market for all the coke they can make.

The changes in ovens during the week was slight and as reported showed that in the Connellsville region there was a gain of 25 ovens on the total number in blast the week before this gain being made by that many additional ovens which were fired at the Equine works of the Wharton Steel Company. In the Lower Connellsville region there were four changes reported two ovens being added at the Herbert plant of the Connellsville Central Coke Company and 30 ovens at the Thompson No. 2 plant of the Thompson Connellsville Coke Company, while a decrease of six ovens at the Martin works of the Woodside Coke Company and five at the Atcheson plant of the Republic Iron & Steel Company made the total increase during the week in the Lower Connellsville region of 21 ovens.

In neither the Connellsville or Lower Connellsville region did the Frick or Remey firms the largest producers report any change in their number of ovens in.

During the week the B & O rail road finished up the shipments of over 100 cars of coke to Curtiss Bay for export to Mexican smelters. Monday it was reported that a boat had been loaded and would set sail immediately for its southern destination. This trade was developed some years ago by the Frick company.

Both labor and water conditions in the coke industry are good the increase of wages showing up a better tone in the labor's spirit while nature has been extremely active with thaws and rains the last few days in filling the coke companies reservoirs full or overflowing. The operators are conserving all the water they can in the week now passing the water situation has grown beyond the bounds of good reality and its over supply has made difficult the operation of some plants according to present report. The railroads were hit by the rising tide and Youngwood, one of the Pennsylvania railroads were under water on Tuesday making coke movement impossible. The cold weather caused a record of the water and freight movement was occurring again.

GIVEN MINIMUM FINE

F. R. Barnard Superintendent of the Diamond Coal & Oil Company at Huston Run and Thomas Jenkins came for minimum pleas of guilty to charge violations of the mining laws since remanded and were fined \$1 each and costs.

BATTLE COAL.

Activity Continues in that Section of West Virginia

One of the largest oil deals ever made in that locality was closed when a party of Uniontown capitalists became the owners of about 1,100 acres of the Pittsburgh vein of coal in Battie West Virginia district. The consideration was more than \$100 per acre making a total of more than \$110,000.

The sale was arranged by Ira Smith of Fairmont for R. W. Playford and other Uniontown capitalists whose names have not been announced. The former owners of the land were Alexander Hennan, Enoch Hennan and E. C. Clovis.

The land is situated near Blacksville and is considered one of the most valuable tracts of coal in the country.

Three new deeds involving nearly 300 acres of land in the same district were filed. The consideration in the three deeds amounts of \$26,544.60 which boosts the amount of money paid for Battie coal land within the past week to more than \$146,000.

The largest deal was made by W. K. Hatfield and wife, W. J. Pomeroy and wife L. L. Long and wife all of Greene county, and grants 167 acres of the Pittsburgh vein of coal to E. N. Eddie, W. J. Eddie and George B. Martin of Marion county, J. Luther Eddie of Monongalia county and A. L. Eddie of Greene county. The consideration is \$2,744.

A second deed conveys 71 acres of coal from J. C. Lemley and wife M. Clovis and wife Harry Younginger and wife C. W. Hatfield and wife C. W. Fox and wife of Greene county, W. K. Hatfield, L. L. Long and W. J. Pomeroy. The consideration was \$615.

By the third deed John L. Hatfield and Edward G. Donley became the purchasers of an undivided 1/6th interest in the Pittsburgh vein of coal in Battie district formerly belonging to Isaac W. Stiles and wife Jesse Stiles and wife Adeline Stiles. The rate paid for the coal was \$160 an acre the total amount paid being \$7,400.

A small arrangement covering a period of 9 years has been concluded between the Western Maryland Railroad Company and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad for the use of its trucks from Connellsville to Pittsburgh in building of the Cumberland & Connellsville link.

The contract is executed in volves the immediate extension of the Western Maryland line to Cumberland Md. to a connection with the Pittsburg & Lake Erie line at Connellsville Pa. and provides for full arrangements between the two lines opening lines and terminals of both companies to be traffic of the other companies and us through connections.

This statement at once puts an end to the rumor which was circulating so many days ago in the columns of a local paper to effect that the Western Maryland would probably use the tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio to connect Cumberland and Connellsville.

The agreement is fraught with deepest significance to Connellsville and directly meets the share in interests of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Besides all this, it involves a new trunk line to the eastern coast, there is every possibility that the Pittsburg & Lake Erie on this latest move will be east to start with the Baltimore & Ohio the monopoly it has enjoyed in the coal fields of West Virginia. And in important moves have been taken by the Lake Erie to tap the W. Va. coal fields and in its eastern outlet it can compete with the Baltimore & Ohio for eastern shipments.

The benefits of the traffic arrangement are even greater for the Lake Erie than the Western Maryland for it puts this branch of the Vanderbilt system on an equal footing with the Baltimore & Ohio. On the other hand the Western Maryland seems to be in a position to profit considerably from the connection with the Baltimore & Ohio and the railroads where the situation placed in the case are allowed to remain the same. In 15 of the districts the valuation was lowered while in Cumberland, Monongahela and Rice's Landing districts through the variation was raised.

The valuation as placed by the county commissioners is from one fifth to one third of the market value in Rice's Landing the variation is fixed at \$2.50 per acre which is the highest figure while all the other 15 districts with the exception of Connellsville and Morgan townships the variation is fixed at \$1.00 per acre. In Cumberland township the variation is fixed at \$0.90 per acre.

The valuation as fixed this year are about 10 per cent to 8 per cent above that of five years ago.

The first column of figures in the accompanying table shows the coal valuation in 1906, the second column the valuation as adjusted by the County Commissioners and the third column the current market value of the coal.

In the Anthracite region there are annual contests between square and rectangular blocks of coal.

The rectangular blocks are cut into squares and the area of each square is measured in square feet.

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THE MARYLAND CLOSES BIG DEAL.

Makes a 99 Year Traffic Agreement With the Lake Erie.

LINK TO CUMBERLAND SURE

Rockefeller Road Gets Traffic Rights to Pittsburgh and the Lakes While Vanderbilt Lines Secure New Opening to Atlantic Coast

With the formal announcement by President Benjamin Bush of the Western Maryland that his road has concluded a 99 year traffic agreement with the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie rail road for the use of its trucks from Connellsville to Pittsburgh the building of the Cumberland & Connellsville link.

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THE STATISTICS SUMMARIZED.

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For the week ended Saturday Jan 10

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MINE INSPECTORS DO RIGID WORK.

Several of Them Together
Are Going Through Big
Workings.

IS TOO MUCH FOR ONE MAN

Inspector Files Petition to Have Mine
Foreman's Certificate Revoked—Are
Working to Prevent Future Acci-
dents

Ellsworth collier No 1 has been
undergoing a rigid and thorough in-
spection at the hands of Mine In-
spector Alex McClellan formerly of
Scottdale, who is being assisted in
his work by several inspectors from
other districts among them I G
Hoyle John R Bell Thomas R Ad-
ams F A Cunningham John L
Pratt Arthur Hale John Knaggs
and C B Ross This method of in-
spection especially in the case of
large collieries has been adopted re-
cently by the State Mining Depart-
ment in order to make the examina-
tion more thorough and in order to
have the workings in different sec-
tions of the mine under official sup-
ervision at one and the same time

Hostetter's ore inspector was ex-
pected to look after every mine no
matter how large This system was
all right when it came to workings
that were not extensive or where the
working places were few but when
such mines as are now located in the
most active regions are taken into
consideration the system would not
work satisfactorily No matter how
thorough the inspection by one man
nor how careful he might be, it has
been demonstrated that one portion
of the mine which he declared safe to-
day would be dangerous tomorrow
By continuing forces the inspectors
are enabled to give any mine a more
thorough supervision and rendering
conditions much better for the miners
This system of inspection is the re-
sult of evolution in mining affairs
which have grown to such proportions
in recent years and in which many
ideal changes have taken place

That mine inspectors in the future
no longer will be holding strictly
to the law is found in the fact that
F W Cunningham of the 21st dis-
trict whose headquarters are at Choi-
nor has filed a petition in the Pa-
cific court of appeals asking for certi-
fication upon Green River to show
cause why the certificate should not
be withdrawn The petition is made
upon information from W S Deel
superintendent of the Little Redstone
mine The petition alleges that Fe-
derer who is employed at that mine
became so drunk that he could not
perform his duties

Not only do the coal companies de-
mand that certified men be compen-
sated but the mine inspectors as well
have set themselves squarely for the
enforcement of the mining laws strict-
ly to the letter In these latter days
the miners are so many and acci-
dents of fatal character are so likely
to happen that it is only natural that
those in authority should take every
means to prevent their recurrence
and protect the lives of the men who
toil under ground

THE MARYLAND CLOSES BIG DEAL

(Continued from First Page)
land route turns south and goes
through the mountains about four
miles south of the Baltimore & Ohio
following a little creek through the
Flougherty through Larimer town-
ship It then turns south and goes
through the mountains about four
miles south of the Baltimore & Ohio
route It would join the Georges
Creek railroad at Mt Savage Junction
This little coal road was acquired by
the Western Maryland interests about
four years ago and tops the celebra-
ted Georges Creek coal region

If the Western Maryland connects
its line with the Pittsburgh & Lake
Erie railroad the Belington line as a
trunk line would be out of the ques-
tion but it passes through infinitely
the richer territory of the two lines
If the direct line to Cumberland is
built the road will have the best lake
to seaboard line in the country and
would be a real competitor for pas-
senger and freight business with the
Baltimore & Ohio the companyulti-
timately builds from Connellsville
to Belington and also from Connells-
ville to Cumberland would have such
a triangle of steel connections tap-
ping such rich fields that it would be
supreme in the coal fields of West Vir-
ginia whereas the Baltimore & Ohio
now holds that honor

This latest railroad move means
much for Baltimore It gives that city
another trunk line to the West and
the new route will be the shortest and
most economical line from the lakes
to the coast It is re-ordered that the
Vanderbilt interests will inaugurate
new steamship lines to our freight
ports both south and Baltimore These
lines in addition to the trunk ships
which enter the Baltimore harbor will
prove immense benefit for traffic The
concern just mentioned provides the
Western Maryland must construe
several freight rates at Port Covington
Work on these will be started in
the spring

CONNELLSVILLE REGION NOTES.

NOTES—THIS REGION
Andrew Thompson chief meat cut-
ter of the H C Frick Coke Company
at New Salem for several years has
bought the East End meat market at
Mt Pleasant

Samuel of Freed a member of the
engineering corps of the Frick Com-
pany at Pittsburg and Miss Edna
Gibson of Southwest were married by
Rev F N Eaton in the Methodist
Episcopal parsonage in Mt Pleasant on
Saturday

Carl Grand formerly chief chemist
of the Somer Solvay Company at Dun
bar Furnace has resigned his position
with the United States Steel Company
at Joliet Ill and returned to the Dun
bar plant as chemist

George the 13 year old son of
George M Dewalt Sr a veteran miner
of Unontown died on Saturday after
a lingering illness He was a general
favorite with all that community

Richard Keeds of Coalbrook on
Monday assumed his duties as superin-
tendent at the plants of the Hostetter
Connellsville Coke Company in the vi-
cinity of Latrobe Mr Keeds is a
young man but has had considerable
experience in the mining business

Dr W S Kimball formerly of Con-
nellsville now company physician for
the Tower Hill Coke Company at Re-
public is talked of for the forthcoming
Congressional race says news from
Somerset He is a brother in law of L
W Foggs of Unontown largely inter-
ested in the power hill company

The Scottdale Foundry & Machine
Company is building some coal bunkers
for the Find White Coal Mining
Company for its new \$1 million
dollar investment in a central wash-
ing and pumping plant at Johnstown
It is said that 50 men will be dis-
placed by a series of mechanical dokers
but with \$1000 on the pay roll here will
be simply changed to other jobs

Congressman Huff has the Huff bill
for bureaus of mines made the order
of business for next Tuesday

NOTES FROM OTHER REGIONS.

The annual meeting of the Monon-
gahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke
Company will be held in Pittsburgh on
January 2 when a new set of directors
will be elected and it is expected that
new stock ownership will come out

Howard V Berilolet a native of
Reading Pa has been appointed gen-
eral manager of the Towanda mines
along the Norfolk & Western railroad
in West Virginia

The average price of anthracite in
New York in December was \$168
Due to new developments in West
Virginia the James Coal & Coke
Company gave notice of the increase
of their capital from \$1000000 to \$4
000000 as the result of a bond
issue of \$700000

John H Jones President of the
Pittsburg Butcher Corp by estimate
that in the Pittsburgh district alone
there was a production of 5000000
tons of coal in 1909 while he thinks
it will average an output of from 7
000000 to 8000000 tons this year

Arthur J McBride who has been ap-
pointed the Chicago representative of
the Pittsburgh Fuel Company has been
elected to the board of West Virginia
coal interests for seven years

Two big sister coal carriers the
Maden and the Elizabethtown made an
exciting race down the coast last week
with the Maden winning in the Vir-
ginia Capes and returning home
The Elizabethtown to Baltimore and
the Maden to Norfolk

The National Coal Company which
purchased the property of the Alpine
Coal Mining Company at Barnes-
Cambria & Co has appointed H K
Stauffer as their Philadelphia agent

The completion of the big bridge
over the Susquehanna river near Bal-
timore will facilitate traffic over the B &
O to the east The bridge is 70 feet
long and cost \$1000000

It is estimated that the output of
coal in Pennsylvania in 1909 amounted to
643 tons a considerable increase
over the previous year

John D Jones State Mine Inspector of
Colorado credits what is said with
producing in 1909 1000000 tons of coal
and 1700000 tons of coke This
is an increase in production over 1908
of 700000 tons of coke and 90000 tons
of coal

There is 150 miles of new track
laid in West Virginia in 1909 according
to the report of the Interstate
Commerce Commission It adds that
appropriations have been made for 17
additional miles to be built this year

The branches of the Virginian and
the Chesapeake & Ohio run close to
each other in the West Virginia fields The
Pennsylvania Company is building
out a trolley line in the Washington Gulf
section to load cars on both roads

Work can be found for 10000
men at the Great Lakes Coal Com-
pany's mines at Eddystone Eastern
Allegheny County in Butler coun-
ty There are 70000 men now at work
and it is expected to increase the out-
put from 2000 tons to 2000 tons of
coal daily

The Potomac mine at Barton Md
has resumed after two years disuse
employing 60 men and with more to
be added

After delivering 24 hours the jury
in the case Charles Clark in the Al-
bion county court returned a ver-
dict of guilty in the following
way two thirds of the costs of
the trial were with a malefactor of
1 car the Pittsburgh Terminal
Railroad & Coal Company at Laurel

Walter R Calvert at one time
colonial master of the Pittsburgh Coal
Company at P R R & L E B & D R
superintendent of the Belvidere White
operator at Wadsworth is planning to
make a trip to Europe to study trans-
atlantic methods of mining

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to
Saturday, Jan. 15, 1910.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P O Address
262	260	Aemo	W J Rainey	New York Untown
55	47	Adelaide	Jenn Coke Co	Pittsburg
223	187	Alportion No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
104	96	Alportion No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	40	Atha No 1	Cambra Steel Co	Pittsburg
97	97	Bogarday	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
182	162	Betty	Mc Pleasant Coke Co	Greenwood
24	24	Bethany	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
302	285	Bittern	Wharton Furnace Co	Unontown
10	10	Bourne	Mt Pleasant Col & Co	Greenwood
120	120	Boyer	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20	20	Buckerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
36	36	Buckeye	Brill Run Coke Company	Pittsburg
169	169	Brush Run	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Cameron	Kayton Coal & Coke	Pittsburg
22	22	Carson	Franklin Coal & Coke	Pittsburg
303	303	Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Unontown
64	64	Chester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Greenwood
91	91	Clarendon	Jenn Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	120	Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
409	409	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
203	203	Contamination No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
325	325	Contamination No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
303	303	Contamination No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
333	333	Diamond	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
249	249	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Dunn	Dunn Connellsville Coke Co	Unontown
40	40	Elkton & Co	W H Col & Co	Unontown
80	80	Elizabeth	Unity Connellsville Coke Co	New York N Y
218	218	Elliott	W J Rainey	Pittsburg
45	45	Fatherine	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Faulk	Linton Col & Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	40	Fay	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
101	101	Fayett	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Unontown
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179	179	Grace	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
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200	200	Hecla No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
10	10	Hester	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20	20	Henry Clay	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
10	10	Home	Stanley & Wiley	Pittsburg
20	20	Hopkins	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Unontown
20	20	Hopkins	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Juniper	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20	20	Juniper	Marshallton Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
303	303	Kelvin	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
223	223	Keola No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
49	49	Keola No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Keeling	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
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227	227	Lemon No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
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20	20	Little Sunshine	King Lake Co	Unontown
20	20	Love	Lville-Mt Pleasant Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
40	40	Lyons	Lville-Mt Pleasant Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
10	10	Mac	Mac's Coal Co	Unontown
40	40	Mahoning	Cambridge Steel Co	Dunkirk
40	40	Manhattan	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	40	Manufacture	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
22	22	Marion	Marion Coal Co	Hickory
10	10	Marchibel	Northern Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
102	102	Marion	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
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OVER \$100,000 DISTRIBUTED IN ANTHONY BANNING ESTATE.

Elnora Banning, Administratrix, Makes First and Partial Account, Which Is Confirmed.

OTHER ORDERS HANDED DOWN

Banning Estate Was Largest to Come Before Orphans' Court—Will of Late Hugh C. Stillwagon Is Admitted to Probate—Other Orders Made.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 18.—Judge Work held a long session of Orphans' Court yesterday afternoon at which time a number of orders were handed down. The largest estate in which a report was made was that of the late Anthony R. Banning. The wife, Elnora Banning, and the brother, Thomas Banning, were named executors, but Elnora Banning, as administratrix, to whom letters were issued, has filed her first and partial account. This shows a balance of \$105,850.16 on hand for distribution. Judge Work directed that distribution be made according to the schedule attached.

The Banning will was made September 16, 1905. Thomas Banning filed renunciation, and letters were granted to Elnora Banning, Anthony Banning's wife. To a son of Mrs. Banning \$3,000 was given and the balance of the estate was divided between Elnora Banning and a son of Anthony and Elnora Banning, James H. Banning.

The distribution yesterday gives to Elnora Banning James, the wife, \$52,364.75, and to her also as trustee for her son, James H. Thomas Banning, the same amount. Mrs. James has until February 7, 1910, to give a bond of \$10,000 for faithful compliance with the will in handling the share of her son until he is of age.

The will of Hugh C. Stillwagon, late of Connellsville, was admitted to probate yesterday. It is dated February 5, 1903 and was witnessed by Clair Stillwagon and William McCormick. It names Isabella Stillwagon, the wife, as executrix, and provides that all the property, both real and personal, shall go to her as long as she remains his widow. Upon her death or remarriage, the property is to revert to the daughter, Ella May, as long as she lives and remains single. Upon her death or marriage, it again is passed on to Clara Bell, another daughter, under the same conditions. Upon the death or marriage of Clara Bell Stillwagon, the property reverts to the three sons, Lloyd, Vance and Russell, or their heirs, in equal shares.

A codicil dated December 29, 1908, provides that as the physician's bill for the care of Vance Stillwagon, and other expenses at that time have been provided for, this shall be taken as his share in the estate. Vance has since died.

James Farrell, administrator of the estate of the late Henry A. McElree, has filed his first and final account showing \$14,44 for distribution. John Davis and Ross Anderson, executors of the estate of Julius Dunn, deceased, have filed their first account showing a balance of \$5,152.75. An order was made directing that this be invested in interest bearing securities, the interest to be paid annually to the widow, Mary A. Dunn and upon her death the principal shall go to the parties named heirs under the will.

In the estate of Thomas Markley, deceased, John M. Core has filed his report. Markley died leaving no known heirs.

John J. House, guardian of Emma France, a minor, has filed his report, showing a balance of \$18.00 on hand. George W. Arison, guardian of Delia Steepe, has \$85.30. Jesse H. Dills, guardian of Elmer Dills, has \$308.94; Theodore F. Kelly, guardian of Margaret O. Bradman, now Margaret O. Dawson, shows by his report the possession of \$1,021.05.

In the estate of Maurd R. Sparks, a minor, the Fayette Title & Trust Company has filed its report as guardian, showing \$757.67 on hand, while Jasper Tissie, guardian of William Tissie, has \$832.45.

Sipe Files His Answer to Suit for Debt

On-House Contracting Company Erected for Him in Dunbar Township.

There is legal entanglement, in which dimensions seem to play a leading part in the house building, which Emmet Sipe of DuBoar township, entered into with M. L. Custer and J. B. Henry, who are contractors under the firm name of Custer & Henry. The latter brought suit against Sipe to recover \$1,063.37 on a mechanic's lien which they filed on the house. Sipe had made his answer to the suit. He admits the existence of a contract, as the contractors set forth, but he says that the lien is against 1.41 acres of ground while he is and was at the time of making the contract the owner of only a lot 40x121 feet, as shown by deed.

Then he enters into more dimensions that are interesting to anyone building or about to build a house. He declares he does not owe the sum of \$1,063.37 to the contractors for the above and gives the following rea-

GARRETT THREATENED BY FIRE.

Fairview Hotel and Several Other Buildings There Were Destroyed by Flames Monday Morning.

The town of Garrett on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad between Rockwood and Meyersdale had a narrow escape from destruction by fire Monday morning. The timely arrival of the department from Meyersdale and the fact that no wind was blowing at the time saved the town from greater loss than it sustained.

The fire was discovered in the Meyers Hotel, formerly the old Fairview Hotel, conducted by James W. Howard. A lot of rubbish in a chimney corner had taken fire in some manner and before it was discovered the interior of the hotel was filled with smoke. The fire spread in the frame building rapidly and soon the entire structure was a mass of flames. From the hotel the fire leaped over to a frame dwelling and then to another occupied by Joseph Klink. All of the property is owned by H. J. Meyers of Summit township.

The hose on hand in the town was not sufficient to reach the fire in an effective manner and a bucket brigade was formed. This had some effect in checking the fire, but the danger of its spread was not passed until the Meyersdale fire department arrived on the Mountain accommodation. Some of their hose would not fit the hydrants, but in less than an

HYATT WILL FILED IN COURT FRIDAY.

Former Connellsville Resident Makes Disposal of Her Estate.

HERD CASE IS STILL ON

Defense Opened Its Testimony Today With William McCormick as the First Witness—Priest's Action Against Congregation Non-Suited.

IN ORE MINE ORGAN CASE

Teacher Offered No Defense and Seemed Anxious That the Affair be Threshed Out by the County Court. School Boys Testified.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 17.—The will of the late Mrs. Emma P. Hyatt was admitted today when papers were issued to Robert Norris and Emma A. Hyatt as executors. The will is dated June 1, 1901, but has a more recent codicil attached. The will directs that a lot in Plymouth, Pa., be sold together with a house and lot in the Conghengur addition to Connellsville. The two sons, Charles M. and L. S. Hyatt, are given the library, while the furniture, silverware, etc., is to be divided between the two daughters, Ella A. Hyatt and Mary H. Norris. From the first money derived from the sale of the property \$500 is to be given each of the four children. The balance of the property is to be paid them share and share alike. It is directed that any of a sum note that remains due from Charles M. Hyatt shall be deducted from his share.

The codicil names Miss Ella Hyatt as an executrix with Robert Norris. It also provides that any debt of C. M. Hyatt might have owed the deceased shall be paid the estate.

A voluntary non-suit was taken by the defense in the suit of Isaac L. Blair against Frank Edwards and Ridge Brothers, brought to recover \$276.15 alleged to be due for the use of a traction engine used in connection with a stone crusher.

There was a dispute whether Edwards, the sub-contractor or Ridge Brothers, the general contractors, should pay this amount. The case will likely come up later in another manner. The jury returned a verdict of \$191.45 against Ridge Brothers in the suit brought by William Ritterton for stone furnished and damage to a stable.

In the suit of S. J. Pribly against Joseph Kaeur the jury was withdrawn and the case continued because of objections made by the defense to statements in the opening of the case by Attorney J. W. Dawson. The objection was sustained by the court. A non-suit was taken by the defense in the suit of Pribly against Stephen Franks, Stephen G. Spischeck and J. N. Zajac as the court ruled that the signing of a petition was not sufficient evidence to prove publication of any statement.

The defendants in both actions were members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church who petitioned for Pribly's removal on charges that Pribly, while pastor of the church, misappropriated the funds, bought property which he made over in the name of the organization's wife and other serious matters.

The defense opened in the suit of Francis E. Herd against the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. The defense is continuing its line of attempting to prove that the land was not damaged by the improvements made by the railroad in the Connellsville yards.

In the suit of Catherine De, executrix of the estate of Fred Hickert, against C. H. Blawney, an appeal has been taken from judgment granted the plaintiff by Justice of the Peace D. M. Bierer because no defense was entered. A court trial is asked.

In Juvenile Court an order has been made placing Eva May Morgan, the Connellsville girl, under the care of Dr. A. S. Hogan of Uniontown, subject to the surveillance of Probation Officer Charles E. O'Neill.

Riot May Result Fatally.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Jan. 17.—A riot at Hermitage, a mining hamlet six miles southwest of here Saturday night, probably will result in the death of Mike Caska and John Denosh. Philip Handbriels, John Coby and John Novak were arrested by the State police and were brought to jail here.

Granted Marriage Licenses.

John C. McCleary and Barbara Lepovitz, both of Connellsville, Mary E. Yohe of Dawson and Robert T. McLaughlin of Stewart, were granted marriage licenses in Uniontown Mon-

day afternoon. Attorney James R. Cray made the opening statement for the defense. He declared that the defense would show that the improvements made by the railroad did not injure the Herd lands, and, further, that the property is not worth as much as the plaintiffs would represent.



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Horse and Wagon Go Over Hill Fifty Feet Into Old Stone Quarry.

NORMALVILLE, Jan. 17.—Mrs. D. W. Shantz of Scottsdale, and Mrs. William McLaughlin of Everett, came up Friday to see their mother, Mrs. W. H. Brooks. They returned Saturday evening.

Scott Eicher of Vanderbilt, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Eicher.

Misses Maude Brooks and Matilda McLean were home over Sunday with their parents.

James Wilson of Breakneck, was here for a few days last week visiting old friends.

Anthony Miller, who made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Jeremiah Princeton, near Clay Run, died Saturday morning, aged 91 years. Funeral was held Monday at Scottton. Mr. Miller was born and raised in Somerset county but will be remembered by many of our older citizens.

Some of young America attended a dance near Connellsville Saturday night.

The latest rumor is that a company has purchased the brick house property two miles west of here, on the pike, and also the Broo property adjoining, better known as the "Calico house" and will start an Italian colony. So we can expect to have plenty of the sons of Italy here.

The McFarland Lumber Company is now extending their railroad on Middle Fork to the Porterfield timber. They are now working the Houbler timber.

AN EARLY EASTER

Will Occur on March 27th, One of Its Earliest Dates.

Easter comes exceptionally early this year, in fact, it will occur earlier than any other year since 1900. The full moon after March 22 will appear March 25; therefore, Easter, which is always the first Sunday after this occurrence will be March 27. Easter will not be so early again, except in 1914, when it comes on March 23, until 1921, when it falls on the same date as this year.

It is also observed that in regard to double holidays, 1910 will give us one more than 1909, since Lincoln's Birthday comes on a Saturday. Memorial Day as well as Independence Day comes on a Monday, while Christmas falls on a Sunday, which will in all probability be observed the following Monday.

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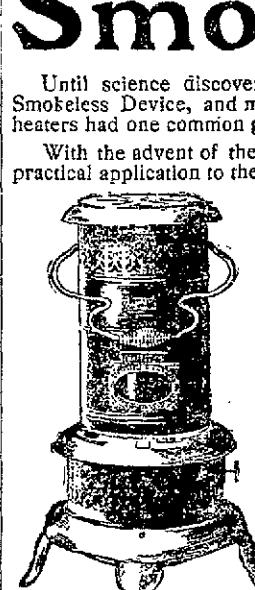
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FIRST JUVENILE COURT IS HELD.

Vindication for Elsie Green of Everson Whom Father Prosecuted.

CONNELLSVILLE GIRL HEARD

Mrs. Mary Brown Failed to Control Elva May Morgan, Who Asked Another Chance—Will Get Another Home—Other Court News.

UNIONTON, Jan. 15.—The first session of Fayette county's new juvenile court was held this morning before Judge Umber on the bench and Probation Officer Charles E. O'Neill in attendance. The first case to come before it was that of Elsie Green of Everson, accused by her father of being incorrigible. The outcome was a vindication for Elsie, who was committed to the care of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. J. Hollis, where she stayed before her father interfered.

William Green, the father, declared the girl refused to stay at home and would not obey him or his wife, who is Elsie's step-mother. He painted Elsie's character a rather dark hue. William S. Smith and Mrs. Lizzie Williams testified that Elsie had a habit of running away from home.

Mrs. Hollis took the stand and declared the girl was a good worker, amiable and intelligent. She said the child was a big help around the house and asked to keep her.

Elsie told her story to the court also. She declared she was mistreated at home and ran off because they locked her up in the kitchen and would not give her enough to eat. Mrs. Hollis had previously testified that she never knew Elsie's father to work. The court made an order committing the girl to Mrs. Hollis' care and directing the probation officer to keep his eye on her.

Mrs. Mary Brown of Connellsburg had Elva May Morgan before the court on a charge of incorrigibility. Mrs. Brown has had the child since she was seven years old. She is now nearly 13. A tendency to stay out at nights and run with fellows worked Elva's fall from grace. Christian Feely and Mrs. Bishop also testified. The girl told her story and asked to go back with Mrs. Brown, who declined to take another chance. The girl then suggested going to the home of Clark Miller, where she once stayed, and Miller will be permitted to take the child if he so desires. The girl does not know where her parents are.

The suit of J. L. Allen against Uniontown borough was settled this morning and the jury discharged before testimony was taken. Allen wanted damages for a change of grade on Lawn avenue. The borough agreed to all Allen's lot.

Adjournment until Monday was taken in the suit of Francis E. Herd and others against the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, at the conclusion of the testimony heard yesterday afternoon. The witnesses for the defense placed values on the property ranging from \$25 to \$50 an acre. The plaintiffs contend that the land is far more valuable, being worth from \$500 to \$2,500 per acre, according to their several witnesses.

Malachi Ritchey, a veteran coke worker, was one of the main witnesses for the defense. He declared there was little, if any, change in the condition of the Herd land today over what it was years ago. Ritchey also denied that there were vast sand deposits on the property. Other witnesses testifying along the same line were John Duggan, A. E. Hess and B. F. Hanna.

Title & Trust Name Directors, Pass Dividend

The Title & Trust Company of Western Pennsylvania had its annual election of directors Thursday afternoon. There was no change on the board, the following members being re-elected: L. F. Ruth, Rockwell, Marietta, Clar Stillwagon, A. D. Seiss, W. H. Soisson, Harry Dunn, J. W. McLaren, E. C. Higbee, A. W. Mellon, William Gibson, J. M. Gray and E. K. Dick.

The regular semi-annual dividend of two percent was declared at the meeting of the stockholders.

SPECIAL POLICEMAN.

August Drum Appointed Yesterday at the Humbert Plant.

August Drum has been appointed a special policeman at the Humbert plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company and will enter upon his duties at once. Inspector Long, who has charge of the company's police force, came to Connellsburg on Thursday and asked Chief Rottler to suggest a man for the place.

The Chief recommended several capable men for the place and Inspector Long looked them over, finally selecting Drum for the place. Drum is also an officer in the now volunteer fire department.

Judge Ewing Vice President. Ex-Judge Nathaniel Ewing has been elected vice president of the Princeton Club of Pittsburgh.

Aunt Mary Brown Is Nearly 100 Years in Life

"Aunt" Mary Brown, one of the most widely known aged residents of the West Side, quietly celebrated her 97th birthday anniversary Thursday at her home on the corner of Third and Main streets. In memory of the occasion she was showered with souvenir post cards and flowers. "Aunt" Mary as she is better known enjoys good health and is a remarkably bright woman for one of her age.

"Aunt" Mary is a great reader and is well posted on all current events. She is a very entertaining conversationalist and is the possessor of a very cheerful disposition. For some time past she has made her home with Mrs. Carson. The aged lady was greatly pleased over the kind remembrance of her many friends and wishes to thank all those who sent flowers and post cards.

DEATH FOLLOWS FALL ON STREET.

Samuel Tuck Dies in Ambulance After Slipping On Street.

SUFFERED FRACTURED SKULL

Victim Was Subject to Epileptic Fits and May Have Been Afflicted at the Time He Fell—The Body Sent to Pittsburgh for Burial.

While walking down North Pittsburgh street on Thursday about 7:30 o'clock Samuel Tuck, aged 46 years, well known Hebrew of Connellsburg, fell heavily on the icy pavement and as the result of the fall died in the ambulance while being taken to the Cottage State hospital. Tuck has been subject to epileptic fits for the past seven years and it is thought that probably he suffered an attack of the affliction last evening. The body was removed to J. E. Sims' rooms and prepared for burial.

In politics Mr. Tuck was a Democrat and was at one time a member and treasurer of the School Board and served a term as special tax collector on Samuel Heffley's duplicate. He was a member of the General Worth Lodge of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of Pythias. At the time of his death he was Outside Guard of the Odd Fellows. Mr. Tuck was one of the most faithful members of the Odd Fellows. He never missed a meeting only when sickness detained him. He was one of the most widely known residents of Connellsburg and was held in high esteem by all with whom he came in contact. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church. His widow and the following children survive: John Henry, Herman O. F. P., Bertha, Mrs. Elizabeth Neff and Mrs. E. W. Gordon, all of Connellsburg.

Impressive funeral services were held on Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at St. John's German Lutheran Church over the remains of the late Bernard Welker. The services at the church were preceded by a short service at the house at 2 o'clock. Rev. George Dietz, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. E. B. Burgess, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, officiated. The General Worth Lodge of Odd Fellows, of which the deceased was a member, attended the services in a body and conducted services at the grave. The floral tributes were numerous and very pretty.

Robert Sechrist and James Ritchey, members of the Improved Order of Red Men, Harry Jennings, Jacob Wilesey Samuel Goodman and E. McGregor, Odd Fellows, served as pallbearers. Interment in Hill Grove Cemetery.

MISS LAURA WHITE DEAD AT PITTSBURG.

Shares Fortune With Dr. T. H. White and Mrs. Louis Neff.

OWNER OF WESTERN RANCH LAND

Left Note Requesting That Body Be Held Ten Days Before Burial and That on Tenth Day Dagger Be Thrust Three Times Into Heart.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 15.—Apparently for some time the body of Laura White, aged 65 years, was found this morning in her home in this city. A note was found directing that her will be read at the office of a local trust company.

Miss White was a wide traveler and had a winter home in California. She left a fortune estimated at from \$100,000 to \$250,000. She was a sister of Dr. Robert White, who was a surgeon in the United States army but who is now engaged in gold mining in South Africa. Dr. T. H. White and Mrs. Louis Neff of Connellsburg are cousins of the dead woman. The fortune, it was stated here this morning, by Miss White's will is left to her brother, Robert and Dr. T. H. White and Mrs. Neff. Bequests are also made to charity.

A note was found in the house where Miss White was found this morning stating that in case she should die her body should not be buried for ten days. She feared being buried alive. The note directed that the body be examined each day by physicians and that on the tenth day a dagger should be thrust into her heart three times. The sum of \$20 is provided for a fee for this service by a physician.

Most of Miss White's fortune is in ranches in California and Montana.

BERNARD WELKER DIES SUDDENLY.

Old and Well Known Resident Passes Away Thursday.

HAD BEEN IN USUAL HEALTH

Was Resident of Connellsburg for 43 Years and Served in a Number of Capacities for the Borough—Assessor in Fourth Ward.

While sitting in a chair at his home, No. 323 Eighth street, Bernard Welker, aged 73 years, assessor in the Third Ward and a candidate for re-election, died very suddenly Tuesday shortly before 7 o'clock of heart failure. Mr. Welker retired Wednesday in usual good health and this morning arose at his regular hour. After looking after his morning duties about the house he complained of a tightness in his chest. Dr. M. H. Shupe, the family physician was summoned and arrived at the Welker home a short time before Mr. Welker succumbed. Deceased about twelve years ago suffered an attack of neuralgia of the heart, but of late his condition seemed to be improved and it was thought that he had overcome the affliction. His death was unexpected by the members of his family who are prostrated over his untimely end.

Mr. Welker was born and reared in Germany. He came to this country over 48 years ago and settled in Washington, D. C., where he remained only a short time. After leaving Washington he came to Connellsburg where he has been a resident for over 42 years. About forty-two years ago he married Miss Sabina Melster, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Melster. The marriage was solemnized in Connellsburg. To the union nine children were born seven of whom survive. Mr. Welker was employed as a laborer for the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Duquesne for about 30 years. For a number of years he has lived practically a retired life. He was a member of Welker & Sons Plumbing establishment and was a stockholder in the Citizens National Bank.

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Paid a \$35 Note With Bad Check, A Suit Follows

SMITHFIELD, Jan. 15.—James Lowe and son, Robert Lowe, of Fairchance waived a hearing and gave bail before Squire James Farrell at Fairchance yesterday for court, on a charge of conspiracy preferred by Silas Vanbremen before a Justice of the Peace of this place. Vanbremen alleges in his information that he held a judgment note against James Lowe for \$25, and that on the day it was due the Robert Lowe came to Vanbremen's house in Smithfield and litigated the note, giving him a check on the First National Bank of Fairchance in payment thereof.

When Vanbremen presented the check for payment he was told by the cashier that payment had been stopped by the drawer, James Lowe. Vanbremen alleges that on or about the time that Lowe started his son here to litigate the note that the father started to the bank and had payment stopped, and that they maliciously conspired to cheat and defraud the affiant.

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PNEUMONIA FATAL TO MRS. COLLINS.

Wife of Building Superintendent Dies After Series Of Ailments.

OVERCAME PTOMAINE POISON

Was on Fair Road to Recovery When Pneumonia Developed and End Came Thursday Evening—Leaves Husband and Four Children.

Mrs. Daisy Collins, aged 30, wife of John P. Collins, superintendent of the Title and Trust building, died on Thursday at 10 o'clock at her home on East Main street of pneumonia. About two weeks ago Mrs. Collins gave birth to a baby boy and was getting along nicely until over a week ago, when she suffered an attack of ptomaine poison, supposed to have resulted from eating peas. She has recovered from that attack when pneumonia set in. This resulted in her death. She was unconscious when she died.

Mrs. Collins was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Artis of East Apple street and had lived in Connellsburg all her life. Over 10 years ago she was married to John P. Collins. She was well known in and about Connellsburg and her many friends will learn with regret her untimely death. Her husband and four children, Helen, John, William and the infant child survive. Her parents, one brother, Walter Artis, and one sister, Mrs. Robert Hansen of Connellsburg, also survive her. Services were held from her late home on East Main street Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Required high mass was celebrated at the Immaculate Conception Church at 9 o'clock, interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

LEASE RENEWED.

ROCKWOOD, Jan. 14.—(Special) F. A. Johns of Uniontown has renewed his lease on the Vannear Hotel at Somerset for five years from J. B. Winters.

The Old Soldiers Installed Officers With Big Turnout

A large turnout of veterans attended the regular meeting of the William F. Kurtz Post No. 104, G. A. R., held Friday in the municipal building. The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ones held for some time.

During the early part of the evening the following officers for the ensuing year were installed by Adjutant E. Dunn: Commander, Captain Lucy Johnston; Senior Vice Commander, Clark Collins; Chaplain, J. R. Ballou; Officer of the Day, J. M. Boyd; Quartermaster, Henry Kuritz; Officer of the Guard, Smith Dawson. Chaplain E. Dunn and Clark Collins.

Dwells Renewed.

Mary E. Martin and Joseph Martin to Frank B. McMullen, for lot in Connellsburg township, \$1; July 29, 1907.

Ewing Hibbs and Mary Hibbs to Harry N. Mitchell, for lot in McCormick Addition to Uniontown, \$1,500; December 6, 1909.

Harry Mitchell and Leona Mitchell to Lou N. Mitchell, for lot in Second Ward, Uniontown, \$1,300; January 1, 1910.

O. P. Murphy and Isadore Flantz to Harry N. Mitchell, for lot in Uniontown, \$1,300; November 14, 1909.

Myra Jane Crawford to Arthur D. Girhart, for lots in South Brownsville, \$1,000; December 10, 1909.

E. J. Newcomer and wife to G. Ed Baischhoff, for property on Corson street, Uniontown, \$1,500; January 18, 1910.

Roy J. Waschoff and wife to Santo Tassini for lot in Redstone township, \$20; December 30, 1909.

Mary E. Waychoff to Ethel P. Franks, for property on Lawn avenue, Uniontown, \$1,500; January 18, 1910.

Melissa Harvey to Gleason, stillwell for property in Masonon, \$7,000, September 28, 1909.

J. G. Rhodes in Charles C. Jones for lot in Wolf Addition to Uniontown, \$1,475; December 7, 1909.

Reuben P. McCann and Isabella McCall to Eddie E. Shanahan, for lot in Georges township, \$125, December 13, 1909.

Eddie E. Shanahan and Thomas Shanahan to Daniel P. Smith, for property in Georges township, \$2,100, December 18, 1909.

J. A. and Sidney A. Mason to Peter Reutman, for 12.2 acres in Bullock township, \$800; February 25, 1909.

John W. Woods and wife to Mary M. Denton, for two lots in North Union township, \$400; January 10, 1910.

James D. Leonard and Lee Smith to Eddie and Irene Lovell, for four lots in North Union township, \$1; March 13, 1909.

Joseph O. Coulter and wife to J. V. Thompson, quiet claim for 15 acres in Luzerne township, \$1; Jan. 10, 1910.

Abraham Franks, Jr., to J. V. Thompson, quiet claim for Luzerne township, \$1; January 8, 1910.

George P. Linton and wife to G. G. Gandy for property in First Ward, Uniontown, \$1,500; January 8, 1910.

CONTRACTORS SUED TO RECOVER \$250.

William Ritenour the Plaintiff in Action Against Ridge Bros.

BLAST BLEW HIS STABLE OVER

The Suit of Frances E. Herd Against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is Still On—Verdict for Defendant in Evans Case.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 13.—The only new case tried in court this morning was that of William Ritenour against Ridge Brothers contractors, to recover \$250 for stone supplied in building the State road in Franklin and Dunbar townships, and for damage to a stable. Attorney John A. Metz of Allegheny county is arguing for the defendant.

Ritenour claims that in March, 1908 he agreed to furnish stone to Frank E. Edwards, a sub-contractor and assistant in getting out the stone. An extra heavy blast is alleged to have blown his stable over on the road, but while this did not greatly damage the shed the steam roller used on the road tore it up in bad shape. When Edwards refused to settle, Ritenour says he stopped furnishing stone and did not let Edwards go ahead until Patrick Judge he claimed agreed to stand good. The bill was for \$104 damage to the stable and \$147 for stone for attendance of physicians.

The defense claimed that Ritenour only sued it after Edwards was unable to settle the judgment received against him. Patrick Judge took the stand and denied having promised to stand good for either the stone or damage to the stable. The defense further stated that the stable always stood out on the main road. Argument in the case will be made this afternoon.

In the suit of Frances E. Herd against the Baltimore & Ohio railroad which was taken up Monday court adjourned at 11 o'clock until 2 o'clock in order to give witnesses for the plaintiff time to appear. Among the witnesses expected is Dr. G. W. Gallagher of Connellsville.

Attorney E. C. Higby presented a petition for a new trial in the suit of John W. Mager against the Dunbar Ice Company. An arrest of judgment was ordered by the court until this application for a new trial is granted.

A. B. Kern of Springfield township made his return this morning as assessor. This is the twelfth time he has made his return having served three terms. Kern is a Democrat in a Republican district, but he says the citizens up his way are after him to run again.

In the suit of Allie E. Evans and Emma R. Evans his wife against the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company the court instructed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. This was an action brought before Judge Van Sweening to recover \$5,000 damages, for the death of a son, George V. Evans aged 14 years, who died from injuries received at Fremont, Minn., owned by the company. Young Evans received the injuries which caused his death two days later by being caught between two coal wheels as he ascended a ladder from the coal chute. The defendants by their attorney, Mr. Hollifield Sturgis & Morrow entered the plea of no guilty and also plead the bar of the statute of limitations, the accident happening on May 1, 1908 and the suit not having been brought within one year after the boy's death.

A DENTIST IS SUED FOR BREAKING JAW

Connellsville Girl Claims Damages and Recites Troubles Following Tooth Pulling

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 14.—Charles L. Kramer has filed his affidavit of defense in the case which he is sued by the Standard Wood Fiber Company of this place.

Kramer without admitting the correctness of items set forth in the plaintiff's statement wherein they claim a balance of \$1,022.80 claims to be entitled to the following credits \$104.00 for inducing A. G. Hogan Lsg to use some 164 tons of plaster manufactured by the above named company in the plastering done on a large building erected by him in 1908 \$25.75 for inducing George F. Taylor to use 10 tons of plaster on a large building erected by him on West Main street in 1908. The defendant further avers that he is charged \$165.00 for plaster used in plastering the White Star restaurant which he did not receive as neither did the work nor furnished the material for said building.

The defendant claims a credit of \$163.00 on plaster of Paris purchased from them and for which they charged him 60 cents per sack while he claims their authorized agent offered to sell him at 60 cents per sack and he was never notified of the charge in rate. Another credit is claimed of \$17.34 on difference in price on white spanned finish. Five dollars is claimed for work in constructing walls for demonstrating merits of plaster manufactured by the plaintiff. The

defendant claims a credit of \$5 for use of his team for one day. The last credit claimed is \$12 for furnishing the plaster company with some Keene's cement to help them fill an order making a total credit claimed of \$225.51.

The defendant believes that the itemized bill attached to the plaintiff's statement is not a correct copy of the items contained in the plaintiff's books of original entry and avers that the production of the plaintiff's books of original entry on the trial are necessary to a just decision of the cause.

A declaration in trespass was filed yesterday by Mary D. Friend through her attorneys Robinson McKeon and Martin, against Arthur R. Kramer, a citizen of Uniontown to recover \$100 for injury and damage sustained through the extraction of a tooth or the root of a tooth. The plaintiff avers that about December 26, 1908, she went to the defendant to have a tooth extracted that he without proper investigation injected three large doses of cocaine into the gums of jaw and then carelessly and negligently and with the use of great force and using a pair of forceps which had not been properly cleaned extracted said root or tooth or a part thereof fracturing the plaintiff's jaw bone in so doing. The plaintiff avers she was very sick and was seriously poisoned by the cocaine requiring the services of physicians for a long time before recovery and she suffered great pain. The plaintiff further avers that her jaw was infected with poisonous serums by the use of the needle instrument. Plaintiff further avers that as a result of the unskillful treatment received she was very sick being confined to her bed at home under the care of physicians and then removed to the Uniontown hospital where she was confined for 11 weeks suffering great pain and being at great expense for attendance of physicians.

The plaintiff further avers that at the time the said tooth was extracted she was a young strong and healthy woman and able to earn good wages as a domestic servant but was so affected by the poisoning, pain and surgical operations three of which were performed to remove fragments of bone from her jaw that her health was permanently injured and her earning capacity permanently impaired. The plaintiff further avers that now his and always will have the star on her face where the necessary incision was made to remove the fragments of broken bone.

FAYETTE PHYSICIANS
WITNESS A CLYNIC

Dr. Ernest LaPlace of Philadelphia Guest of the County Medical Society

The Fayette county physicians were highly honored at their annual meeting held yesterday afternoon and evening in Uniontown with the visit of Dr. Ernest LaPlace professor of surgery in the Medico-Carribean College of Philadelphia. Dr. LaPlace arrived in Uniontown yesterday morning and was met at the train by a committee of physicians. At the conclusion of the meeting, last night he came to Connellsville and boarded B. & O. train No. 10 for the east. After examining several cases he proceeded to the operations performed at the Uniontown hospital. Dr. LaPlace returned to the Uniontown Academy of Medicine room in the First National Bank building where he was greeted by a large crowd. Promptly at 12 o'clock he returned to the hospital and began a series of six operations three of which were for appendicitis. The operations lasted about four hours and were carefully watched by the Fayette county physicians. From a surgical standpoint the clinic was a great success.

The members of the society and their honor guests were then conveyed in automobiles to the County Club where luncheon was served. The officers elected for the year were as follows: President Dr. H. C. Hoffman, Connellsville; Vice President, Dr. G. W. Hill of Masontown; Secretary and Treasurer Dr. J. S. Haelas of Uniontown. Interesting talks were given by Dr. LaPlace, Dr. H. J. Bell, Dr. R. T. Gribble, Dr. Thomas Eastman, Dr. J. P. Sangster, Dr. C. H. Clark. It was decided by a unanimous vote to make Dr. E. LaPlace an honorary member of the Fayette County Medical Society.

Among the local physicians present were Dr. F. H. White, J. P. McElroy, Dr. E. Edie, H. C. Hoffman, W. J. Bailey, H. J. Bell, A. J. Colson, C. W. Utts, F. S. Dick, R. S. McKee and Hugh Baker.

DATE OF BRIDGE VIEW

At Believelton Has Been Set For February 2nd

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 12.—Brutus and Washington viewers appointed by the committee of the respective counties have agreed upon Wednesday, Feb. 2 to meet at Believelton and view the Believelton bridge over the Monongahela river and report on the advisability of purchasing and freeing the structure at the joint expense of the counties.

The Fayette county viewers, board consists of Samuel W. Hendrick, a townswoman civil engineer, ex-assemblyman John R. Evans of Elizabethtown and Charles B. Fink, superintendent of the H. Fink plant at Ligonier No. 1. The Fayette petitioners are represented by Attorney T. P. Jones of Uniontown. The Washington county viewers are William Wylie, D. S. Taylor and D. M. Carpenter.

The bridge connects Spec's Washington county and Believelton Fayette county and the structure is famous for its heavy travel.

Deaths In Connellsville and Vicinity In 1909.

There were 205 deaths in Greater Connellsville during the year of 1909 and, with December eliminated, 65 in Connellsville and Bullskin townships. Most remarkable is the infant mortality of the 267 deaths reported to the Board of Health, 65 of them being babies. This is almost one-fourth of the grand total of deaths. There were 27 violent deaths during the year past. Last of those who died during the past year follows:

Loretta A. Gross, aged 9 months, 2 days pneumonia.

Gode Maria Witt, aged 4 years 2 months, Col red infant.

Hector Colantonio, 1 month, days of Meadow, alive & cerebral pneumonia.

John Bur, 50 years, months, 11 days, 10 feet tall, M. street group.

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FRANKLIN WORKS' GREAT RECORD

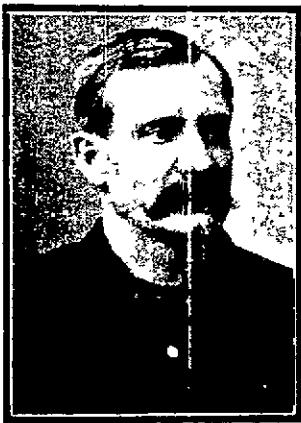
For the Continuous and
Lengthy Service of Em-
ployees There.

SOME SINCE WORKS STARTED

Joseph L. Robbins Helped to Build
Ovens and is Still Superintendent
Most of the Workers Own Their
Homes There

OWENSDALE, Jan. 19.—For long
evity of continual service of employees,
many of whom have lost but a few
months work on account of sickness,
the Franklin plant of E. F. Keister &
Company at this place is undoubtedly
without a peer. J. L. Robbins, the
present superintendent, assisted in
the erection of this plant and has
been in the employ of the company
ever since.

Following are the names and pres-
ent occupation of some who have been
longest in service and of continual
employment. J. L. Robbins, super-



Joseph L. Robbins.

intendent 31 years, Thomas McGuff
stable boss 29 years, Stephen Bon
cok, coke drawer 20 years, John
Cowan banker, 21 years, Jacob Can-
ce, miner 21 years, W. C. Robbins
charter, 17 years, John Boresky,
coke drawer, 15 years, William Muir,
mine foreman 12 years, John Huff
and David King miners, 12 years.
This staunch little works commenced
operations in September of 1879
and has been in continuous operation
ever since, losing but a few months
of work and during that time has
manufactured only high grade Con-
nelville coke.

The plant can lay claim as one of
the model small works of the Con-
nelville region. Almost all the em-
ployees own their own homes but a
small percentage of them live in com-
pany houses and every precaution is
taken to have these meet with every
requirement of the law as regards
sanitation. The employees are not the
happy-go-lucky sort, but energetic,
prosperous and a fine type of
people.

B. F. Kuster the general manager,
has always taken an active part in the
operation of this plant and for 23
years from the commencement per-
sonally acted as superintendent at the
works with J. L. Robbins as yard
boss and Samuel Burman as mine
foreman.

H. C. FRICK AIDS CHURCH.

Owensdale United Brethren Sent \$100
to Help Buy a Heater.

SCOTTDALE, Jan. 19.—The official
members and congregation of the
United Brethren Church at Owens-
dale were up against the proposition
of having a cold church if new heat-
ing arrangements were not installed
in the building. Consequently they
started on a plan to raise money to
get a heater for the church. There
was a good deal of a problem as to
where the congregation, which is not
a lusty one financially, was to secure
the amount necessary, about \$150,
and this difficulty caused a good deal
of discussion among the members. J.
Dennis Porter, one of the early mem-
bers and founders of that congrega-
tion, took up the matter personally
and quietly wrote a letter to H. C.
Frick, setting forth the dilemma in
which the congregation found itself,
and asking for a contribution to start
the fund.

The pleasure that Mr. Porter ex-
perienced in the reply may be imagined
when Mr. Frick sent his check for an
even \$100. The Owensdale United
Brethren congregation is now down
to the work of getting the rest of the
money and success to the project of
improving their church is assured as
\$50 can be raised vice yea.

Street Railway is Sold.

The property of the Pittsburgh &
Westmoreland Railway Company was
bought at receiver's sale by Judge M.
M. Lindsay of Warren, Pa., acting on
behalf of the Pittsburgh, McKeesport &
Westmoreland Railway Company. The
price was \$2,000, the buyer assuming
a mortgage of \$35,000.

Scottsdale Man Interested.

The United States Radiator & Boiler
Company, at West Newton, will
greatly enlarge their plant this year.
Joseph R. Stauffer of Scottsdale is the
Vice President of the company.

Automatic Block Signals Coming On Balto. & Ohio

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has
authorized the installation of automatic
block signals from Connellsville to
Pittsburgh, and from Laughlin Junction
to New Castle, a distance of 112 miles.
Six miles of the protection between
Bessemer and Wheeling Junction
will be for four tracks, the remainder
being double track.

The signals will be three position
upper quadrant, and the lamps will be
electrically lighted. The work will be
commenced at once by the company's
forces, under the direction of F. P.
Patchall, signal engineer.

NEW ROAD STIRS UP SOUTHERN FIELDS

Distribution of Coal in Lower Pan-
handle Area Aided by Better
Transportation

In Maryland, Virginia and West
Virginia the production of 1909 will
be nearly equal to that of 1907. An
epoch making incident in the develop-
ment of the coal mining industry of
West Virginia was the completion
early in 1909 of the Virginian Rail-
way, the first transportation line in
the United States constructed from
the coal fields to the seaboard. The
main purpose of this new line is to
furnish an additional outlet for the
coals of the Kanawha, the New River,
and the Pocahontas regions. During
the months of 1909 when it was in
operation, it carried nearly 1,500,000
tons of coal and it is expected that
within two years it will be furnishing
transportation for fully 5,000,000 tons
a year. The Virginian has just com-
pleted an extension, known as the
Winding Gulf Branch from Mullens to
Pemberton, in Raleigh county, a dis-
tance of 25 miles which will permit
the development of extensive coal
lands. The McNeill Coal & Coke Com-
pany is building a line from its mines
on Dun Loop to the Virginian Rail-
way, a distance of 7 miles, and the
Chesapeake & Ohio railroad is extend-
ing its Guyan River branch from Lo-
gan to Buffalo Branch, a distance of
14 miles. The completion of the Car-
lisle, Cincinfield & Ohio railroad has
furnished an additional outlet for the
coals of Southwestern Virginia and
Eastern Kentucky. The facilities fur-
nished by this railroad have, it is re-
ported, increased the coal production
of Lee County, Va., about 25 per cent.
The Louisville & Nashville railroad
has been constructing two extensions
of its line from Placerville, Ky., which
will open up new areas in that region.
Additional transportation facilities
in contemplation are (1) an extension
of the Dry Fork line of the Norfolk &
Western railway from Berwind, in
West Virginia across Sand ridge to
Cedar Bluff on the line of the Clinch
Valley division, in Tazewell county,
Va., (2) a new line known as the
Haines road from Meadow Creek
station, on the main line of the Ches-
apeake & Ohio railway to open new
territory on Meadow Creek, a tributary
of New river, and on Meadow Creek
river, a tributary of the Gauley.

In fact, the railroad construction
into and from the coal fields of South-
ern West Virginia, Southwestern Vir-
ginia, and Eastern Kentucky has been
the principal work of this kind dur-
ing the last two or three years. It is
not probable, however, that the pro-
duction of Eastern Kentucky will
show any material increase over
1908, nor in that year the prolonged
strike of miners in Alabama caused an
increased demand on the mines of Eastern Kentucky so that the
production there in 1908 did not
show the decrease experienced in
that year in other regions.

The great source of complaint at
present, particularly in West Virginia,
is the shortage of labor. It is said
that in West Virginia alone employ-
ment could be given from 11,000 to
18,000 more miners and mine labor
ers than are now available. Since the
middle of the summer of 1909 there
has been a shortage of cars on the
Chesapeake & Ohio, the Norfolk &
Western, and the Baltimore & Ohio
railroads, and Mr. John Lang, chief
of the Department of Mines of West
Virginia reports that the mines have
been idle an average of from one to
two days a week from this cause. In
the northern part of West Virginia a
material increase in production was
obtained in 1909 over 1908, and this
would probably have been even greater
except for the general shortage of
labor. One of the largest mining
companies in that section states that
it was not running within more than
75 per cent of its capacity because
of the labor shortage. This is attri-
buted to the exodus of miners to Eu-
ope during the business depression
of 1908 and some time must elapse
before the effect of this exodus will
be overcome. The shortage of cars
in this section was confined principally
to cars needed for the transpor-
tation of coke, it being necessary at
times to ship as much as 80 per cent
of the coke in box cars, it consider-
able expense over that required by
the ordinary coke cars.

It is estimated that the coal pro-
duction of Alabama in 1909 will show
an increase of from 15 to 20 per
cent over that of 1908, due chiefly to
the recovery from the effects of the
strike of 1908. No new railroad con-
struction has been carried on by the
railroad companies themselves but
the owners of coal properties in the
Brentwood field are building a line from
ten to twelve miles in length in order
to make connection with the Louis-

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Plants 2 and 3 108	Tyler and Spangler Wks. 600
Austin Coal & Coke Co.	H. C. Frick Coke Co.
Plants 2 and 3 420	Yorktown Sheet and Bituminous 1,000
Colonial Coke Company,	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.
Smock 100	Fairbank Works 100

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GAS, STEAM AND SMITHING COAL.

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Cullman. The Tennessee Coal Iron
& Railroad Company is building a
spur three miles long to its new No
1 shaft. During the last three months
of the year there was some shortage
of labor in Alabama and during No-
vember there was a considerable
shortage of coal but the situation im-
proved somewhat during December.
The controlling influence in Ohio
has been the competition of West Vir-
ginia coals with the domestic product
Unhampered by the restrictions that
exist in the coal fields of West Vir-
ginia, the coal companies have been
able to compete with the domestic
product.

May Pass Up Waynesburg

Because property owners are ask-
ing exorbitant prices for right of
way, Waynesburg may be passed up

in favor of Blacksville.

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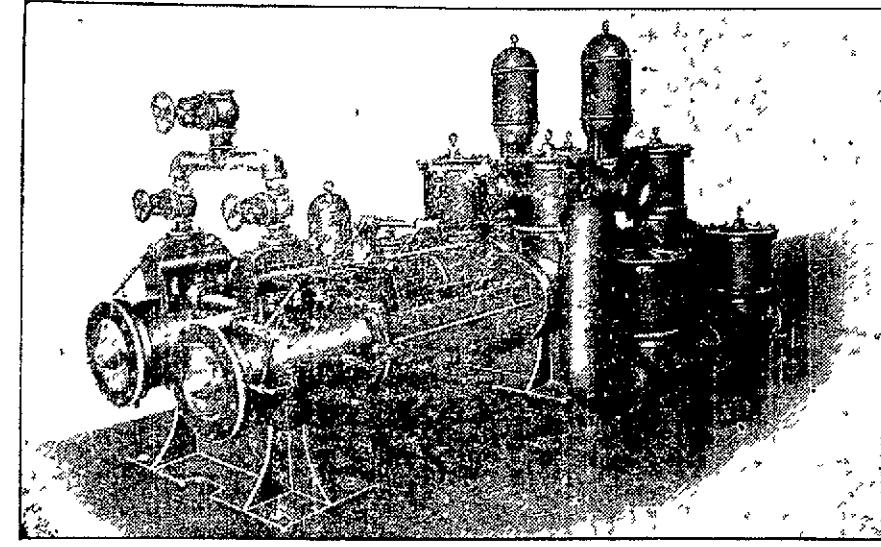
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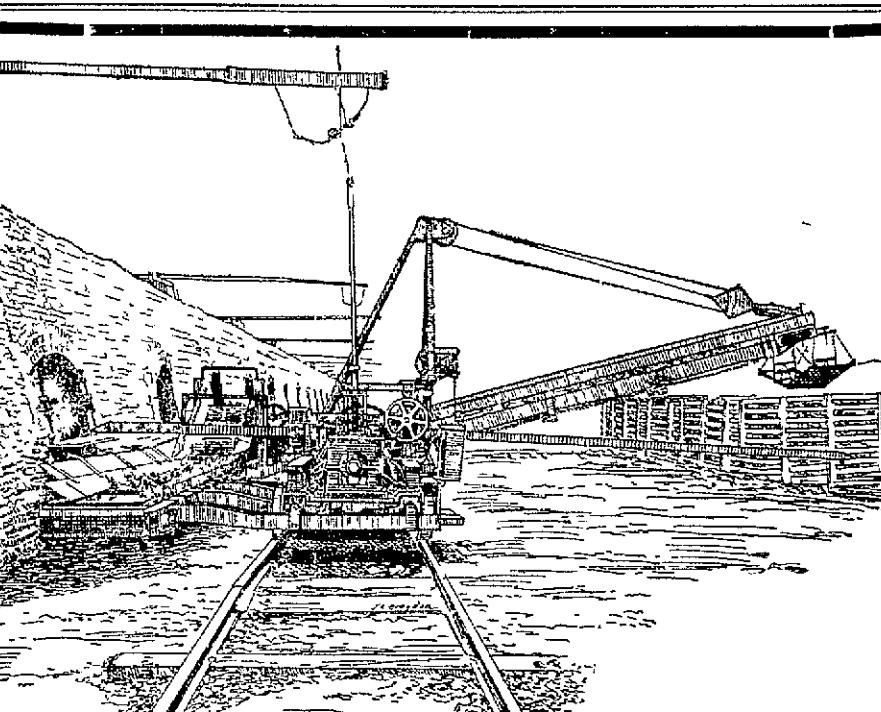
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